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ANCHORING DEVICE

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449, copies of which are submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the cited references be listed on the face of any patent issuing from this application.

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Respectfully Submitted

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